

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND JOURNEYMEN; AMENDING SECTION 54-1010, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1010, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1010. INSTALLATIONS BY ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR PERFORMED BY LICENSED RESIDENTIAL OR JOURNEYMAN ELECTRICIAN -- PRIOR CERTIFICATE HOLDERS ENTITLED TO LICENSE -- LIST OF ELECTRICIANS IN CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOY. (1) Any electrical contractor who works as a residential or journeyman electrician, as herein defined, shall be required to have a residential electrician's license or journeyman electrician's license or master electrician's license issued under the provisions of this act. All installations of electrical wiring, equipment or apparatus made by an electrical contractor shall be done by or under the direct supervision of a licensed residential electrician, licensed journeyman electrician, or licensed master electrician.

(2) The individual owner of an electrical contracting business shall employ a full-time journeyman electrician with over two thousand (2,000) hours of documented experience as a licensed journeyman electrician or a master electrician; however, an individual owner of an electrical contracting business may act as his own journeyman electrician or master electrician provided that he has complied with the provisions of this section and section 54-1002, Idaho Code, pertaining to journeyman electricians. Each electrical contractor in this state shall, upon request of the administrator or his authorized agent, furnish a list of journeyman electricians in said electrical contractor's employ.

(3) Any individual working as an apprentice electrician, as defined in this act, must be registered with the division of occupational and professional licenses as an apprentice electrician, as provided in section 54-1007, Idaho Code, and it shall be unlawful for an individual to work as an apprentice electrician without possessing a current apprentice registration certificate. The supervision ratio in a residential setting shall be one (1) residential electrician, journeyman electrician, or master electrician to no more than six (6) apprentice electricians. The supervision ratio in any setting other than a residential setting ~~is~~ shall be one (1) journeyman electrician or master electrician to no more than two (2) apprentice electricians. No supervision ratio applies to an apprentice electrician who has completed six thousand (6,000) or more hours of work experience as an Idaho-registered apprentice or in accordance with the requirements of the jurisdiction where the applicant obtained such experience and who is

1 currently enrolled in or has completed a board-approved career technical
2 education program.

3 (4) Any individual working as a limited electrical installer trainee,
4 as defined in this chapter, must be registered with the division of occupa-
5 tional and professional licenses as a limited electrical installer trainee.
6 It shall be unlawful for an individual to work as a limited electrical in-
7 staller trainee without possessing a current registration certificate. No
8 supervision ratio applies to limited electrical installer trainees.

9 (5) The provisions of this section preempt, eliminate, and prohibit any
10 cities, counties, incorporated or unincorporated areas, special use dis-
11 tricts, or any other local governmental entities of any kind from adopting
12 requirements through any code, ordinance, process, policy, or guidance that
13 differ from or are more extensive than the requirements of this section. The
14 preemption provided for in this subsection shall apply to any local code, or-
15 dinance, process, policy, or guidance in effect prior to, on, or after July
16 1, 2023.

17 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after
19 July 1, 2024.